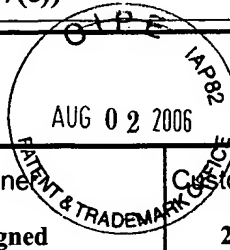


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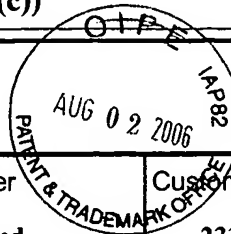
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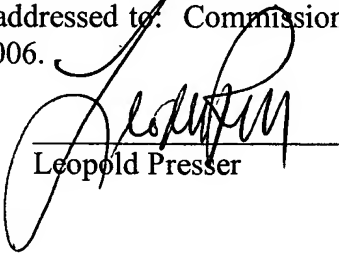
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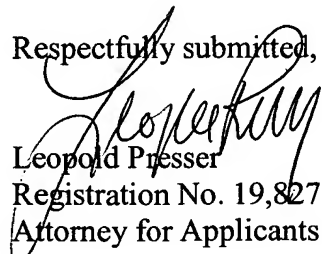
  
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In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. Accordingly, applicants are only enclosing herewith a copy of the nine (9) non-U.S. patent references cited herein.

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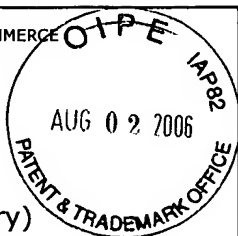
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